

# ACLIM

## *The Alaska Climate Integrated Modeling project*



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Building climate  
resilience through  
climate-informed  
Ecosystem Based  
Management advice

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# IPCC 6th Assessment Report (2021)



The screenshot shows the IPCC website homepage. The browser address bar displays "ipcc.ch". The navigation menu includes "MENU", "ABOUT", "DATA", "DOCUMENTATION", "FOCAL POINTS PORTAL", "BUREAU PORTAL", "LIBRARY", "LANGUAGES", and "SEARCH". The main content area features the IPCC logo and a navigation bar with "REPORTS", "SYNTHESIS REPORT", "WORKING GROUPS", "ACTIVITIES", "NEWS", and "CALENDAR". The primary heading is "The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change". A descriptive paragraph states: "The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change." Below this, a box highlights the "SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT" and "WORKING GROUP I (LATEST REPORT)". Logos for WMO, UNEP, and the Nobel 2007 Peace Prize are also visible.

<https://www.ipcc.ch/>



# Warming in the Arctic is 2-3 x global average

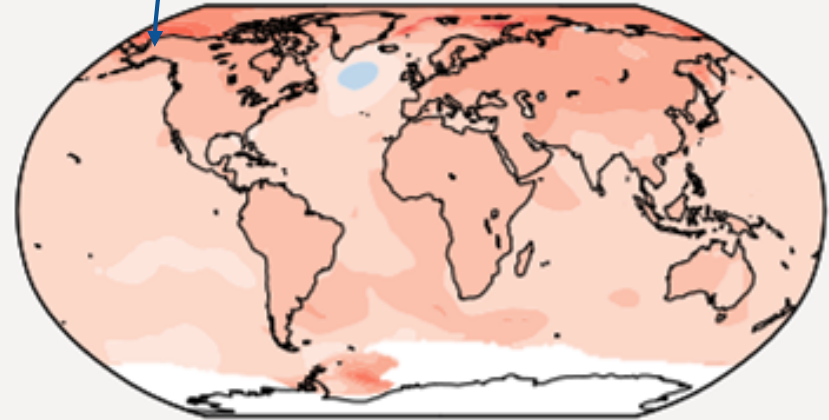
1.07°C of “Global mean warming” = Warming of 2-3°C in the Arctic

“Polar Amplification”

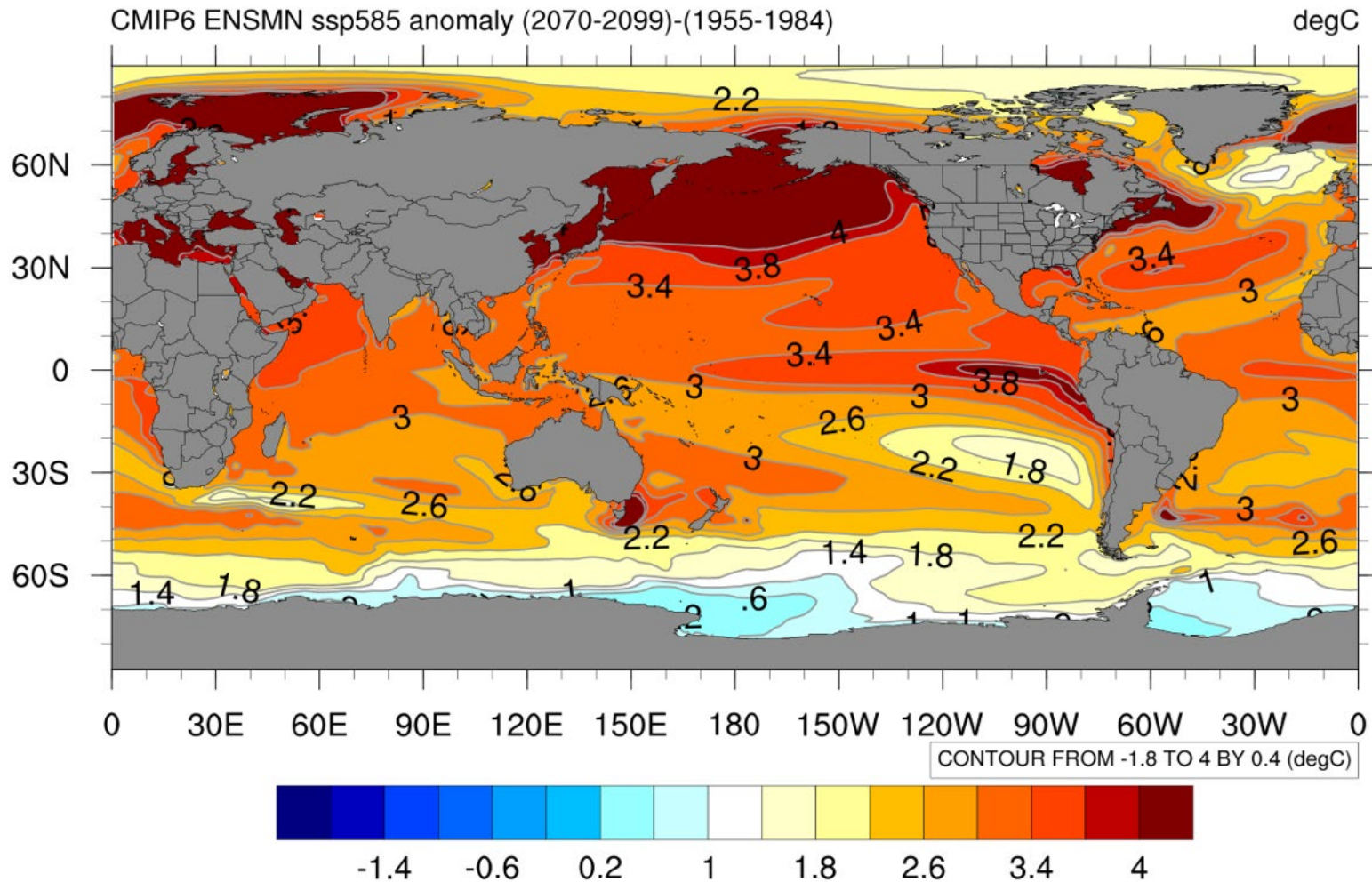
## a) Annual mean temperature change (°C) at 1 °C global warming

Warming at 1 °C affects all continents and is generally larger over land than over the oceans in both observations and models. Across most regions, observed and simulated patterns are consistent.

Observed change per 1 °C global warming



# Climate change is expected to continue to impact AK Ecosystems & Fisheries



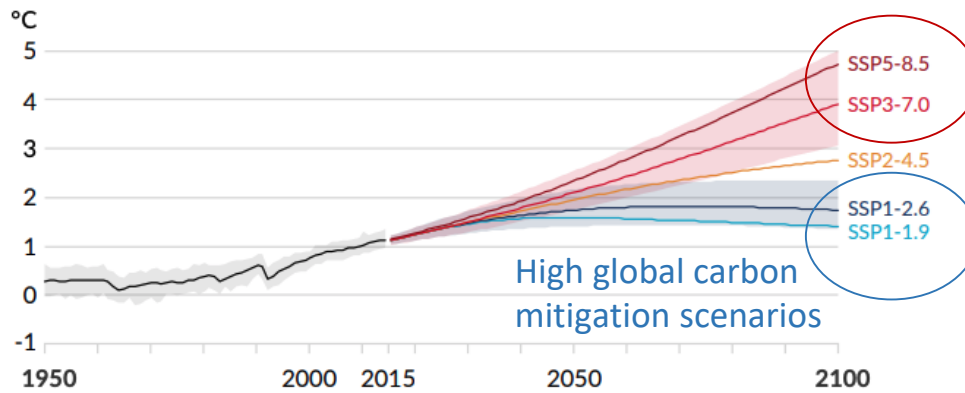
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Not just the averages: Increased intensity, frequency, duration of Marine Heat Waves

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a) Global surface temperature change relative to 1850-1900



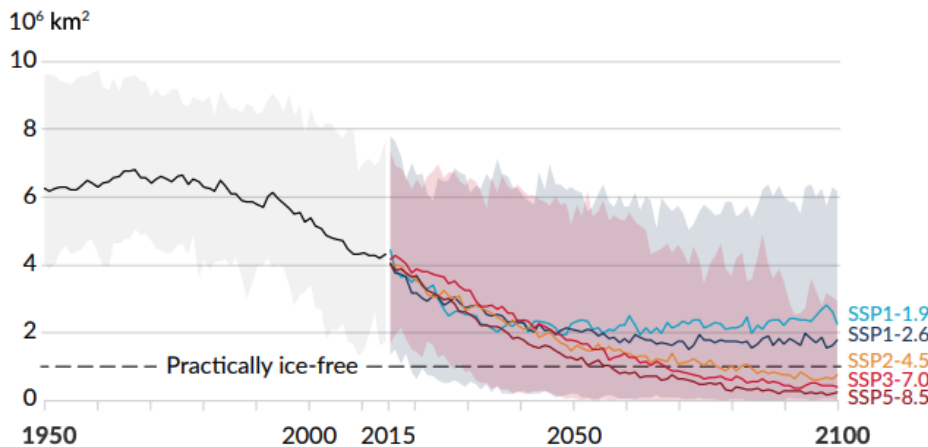
Low carbon mitigation scenarios

## Carbon Emission Scenarios

“plausible descriptions of how the future may evolve with respect to a range of variables...they are not meant to be policy prescriptive, (i.e. no likelihood or preference is attached to any of the individual scenarios of the set)”

van Vuuren et al. 2011

b) September Arctic sea ice area

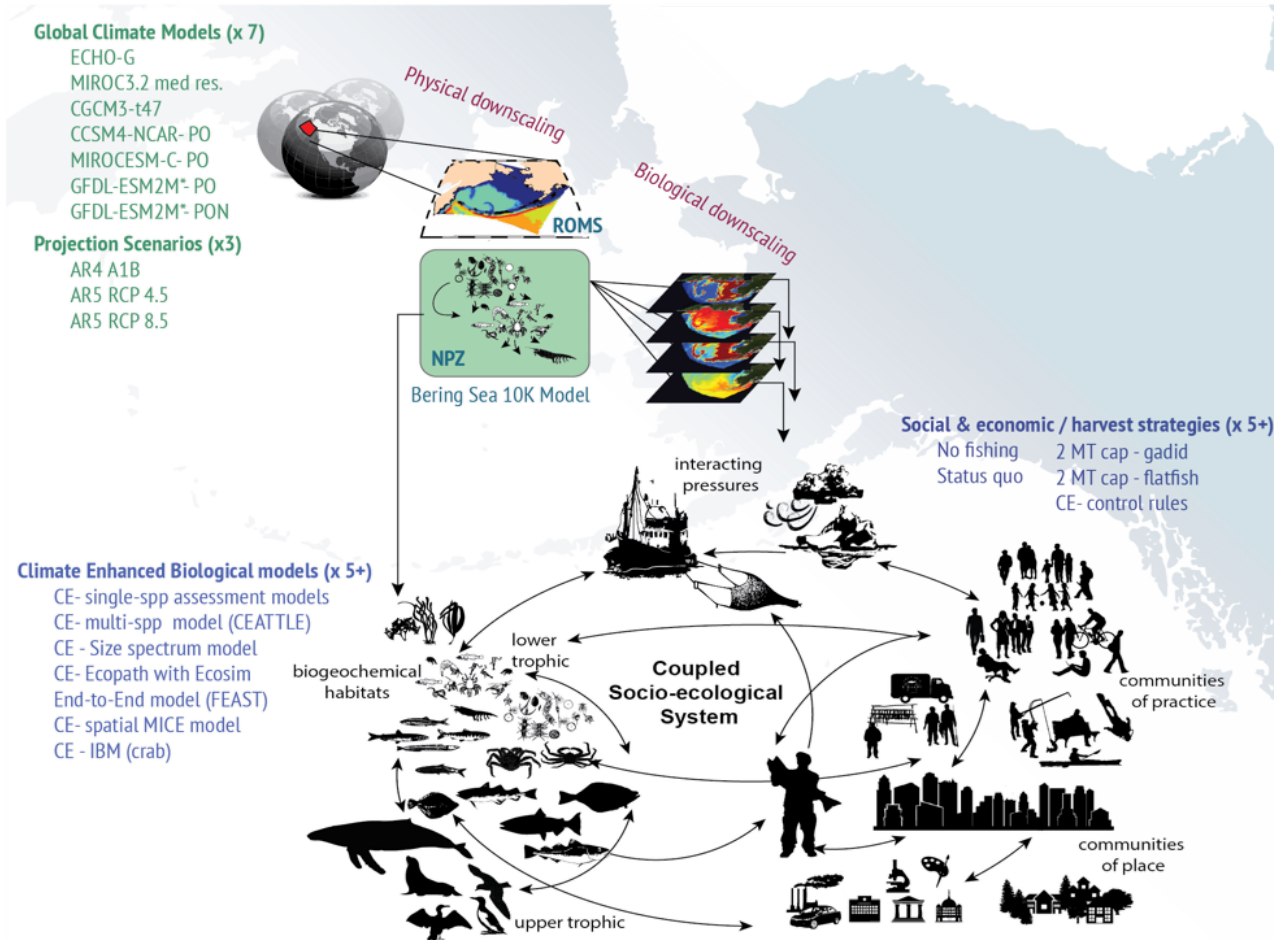


Figures from the IPCC AR6 WGI Summary for Policymakers: [https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/downloads/report/IPCC\\_AR6\\_WGI\\_SPM.pdf](https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_WGI_SPM.pdf)



# The Alaska Climate Integrated Modeling Project (Bering Sea)

[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/ecosystems/alaska-climate-integrated-modeling-project](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/ecosystems/alaska-climate-integrated-modeling-project)



Hollowed et al. 2020. *Frontiers in Mar. Sci.* doi: 10.3389/fmars.2019.00775



ACLIM (Bering Sea) and GOACLIM (Gulf of Alaska) are individual fisheries management-oriented projects within Alaska Fisheries Science Center’s broad Regional Action Plans for Climate, that include monitoring, modeling, and synthesis.

Summary of the existing climate-related research portfolio for the EBS (see Appendix 1 for detailed project descriptions).

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Continuing</b>	<b>New</b>
Monitoring	12	10	2
Process Studies	8	6	2
Management Oriented Synthesis	18	4	14
Marine Mammals	1*	1	
Socioeconomics	12	7	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>

***From Hollowed et al. Bering Sea Regional Action Plan draft presented to North Pacific Fishery Management Council (October 2021)***





## **SCIENCE**

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## **MANAGEMENT**

The NPFMC Fisheries Ecosystem Plan Team for the Bering Sea, and the FEP's Climate Change Task Force develop stakeholder-oriented onramps for bringing climate advice into active fisheries management.

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# Provide tools and approaches to support climate informed management decisions



## Supporting climate-resilient fisheries through understanding climate change impacts and adaptation responses

May 2021

DRAFT Climate Change Task Force work plan  
of the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan

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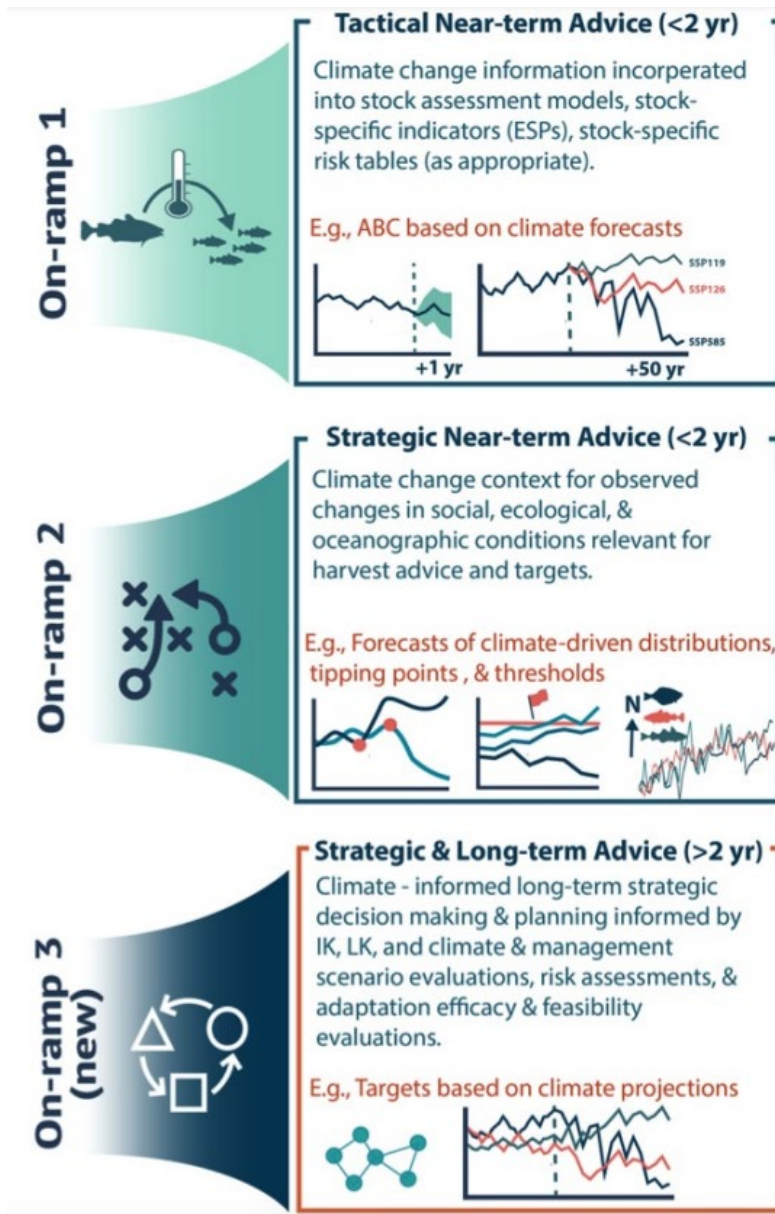
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[https://www.npfmc.org/climatechangetaskforce/Stram et al. 2021](https://www.npfmc.org/climatechangetaskforce/Stram%20et%20al.%202021)

## Climate information on ramps for fisheries management



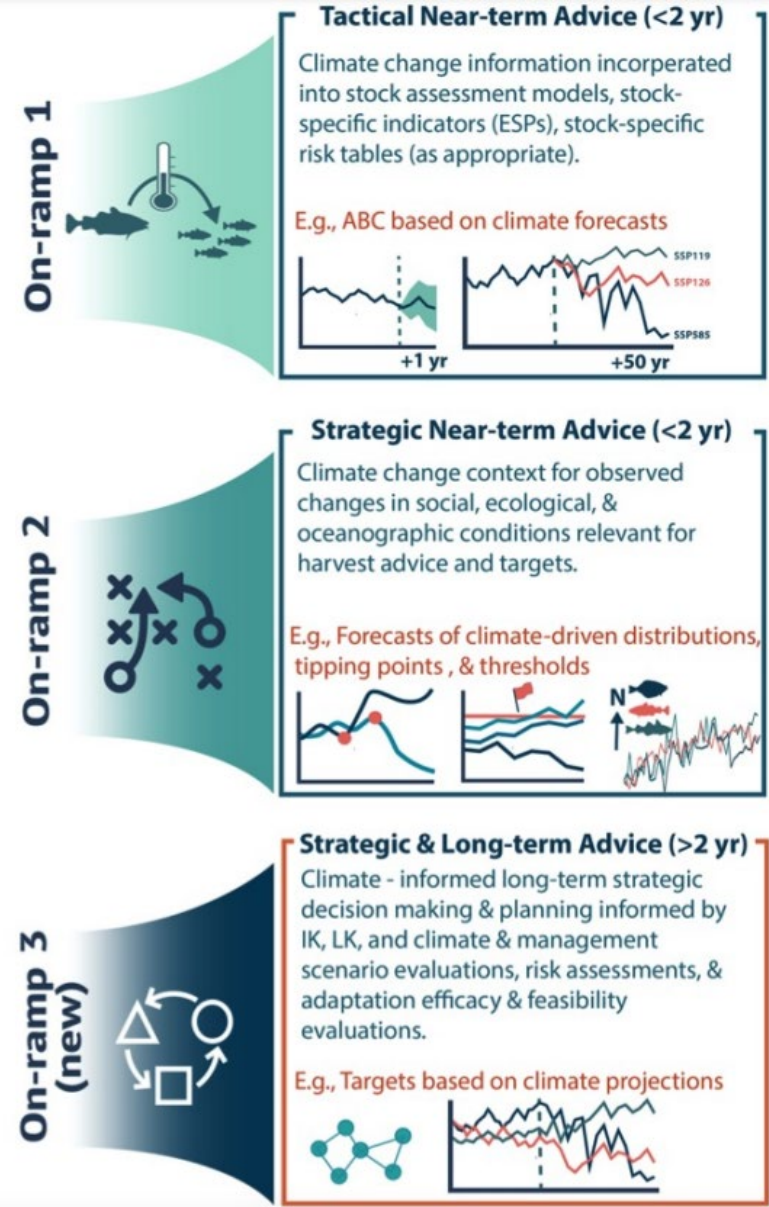
# Provide tools and approaches to support climate informed management decisions

Climate informed annual\* stock assessments & advice

Climate information in near-term management targets

Climate information in long-term management targets and design

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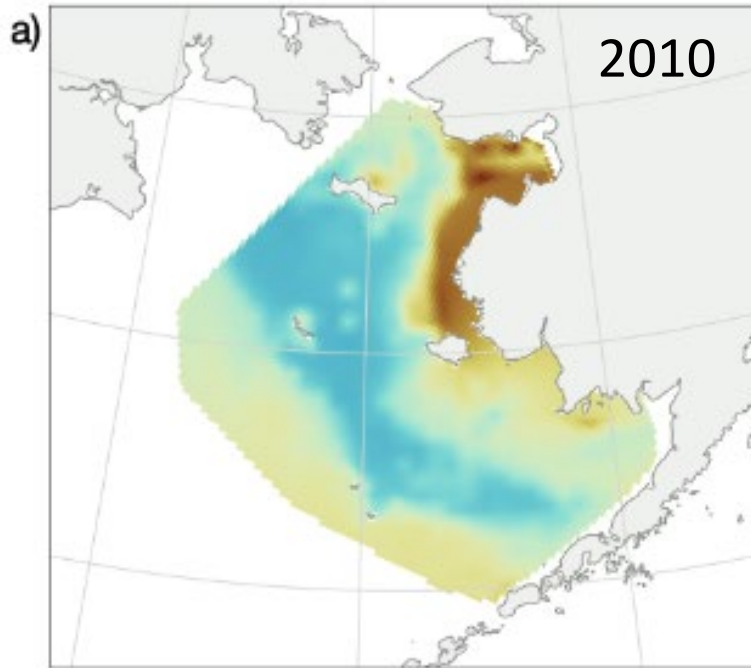


# Bering Sea Oceanographic Projections

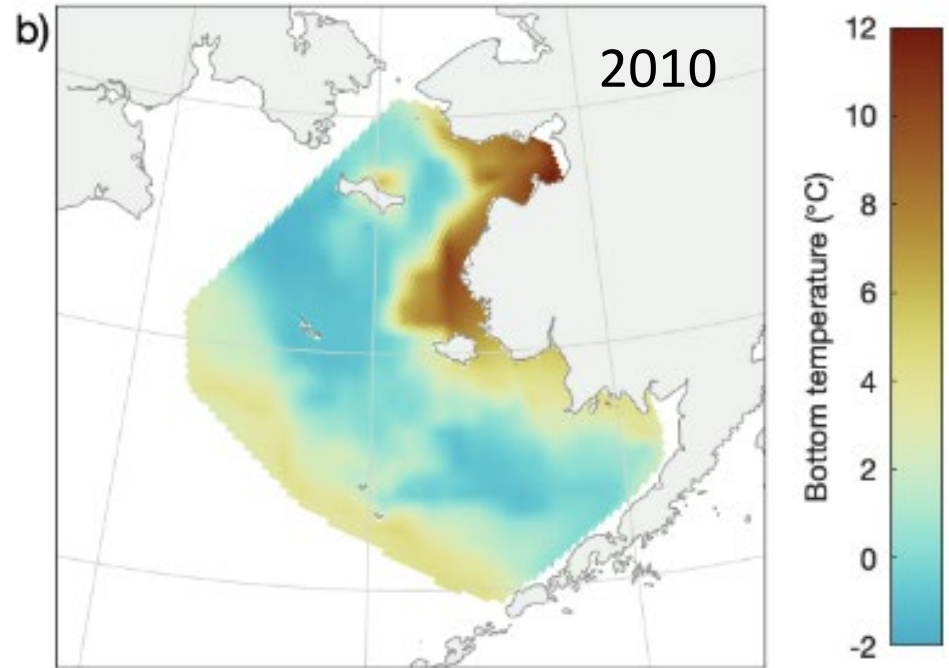


# High-res model reproduces the Bering Sea environment

Observed (survey data)

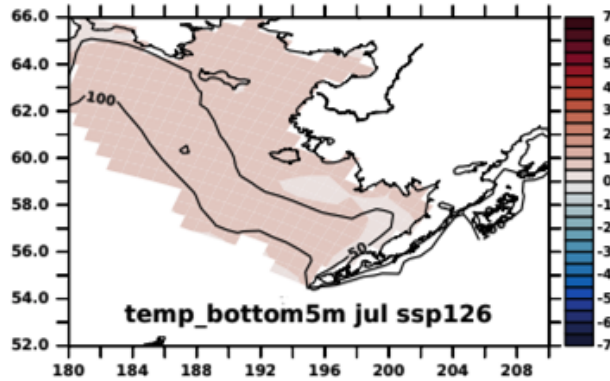


Model (Bering10K ROMSNPZ)

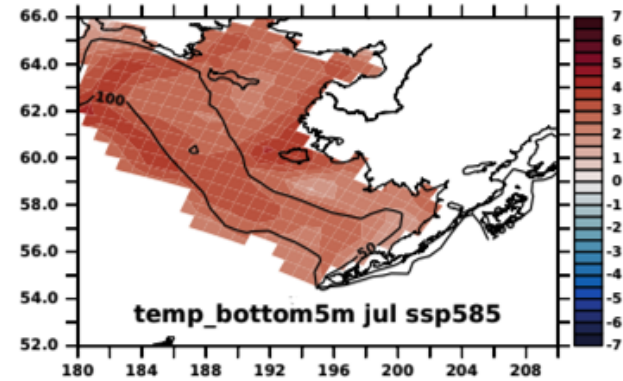


Kearney K (2021). Temperature data from the eastern Bering Sea continental shelf bottom trawl survey as used for hydrodynamic model validation and comparison. U.S. Dep. Commer., NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-AFSC-415, 40 p. [link](#).

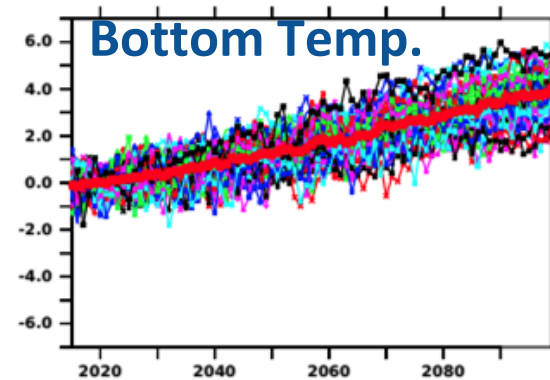
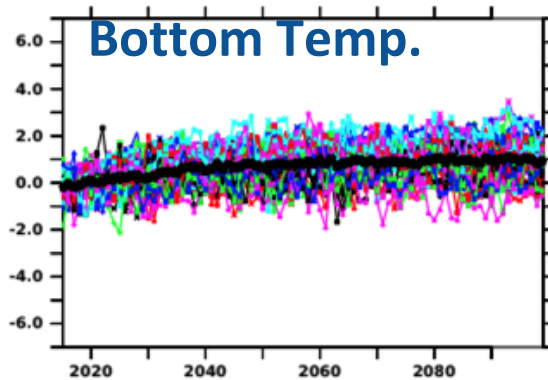
# Increased warming expected



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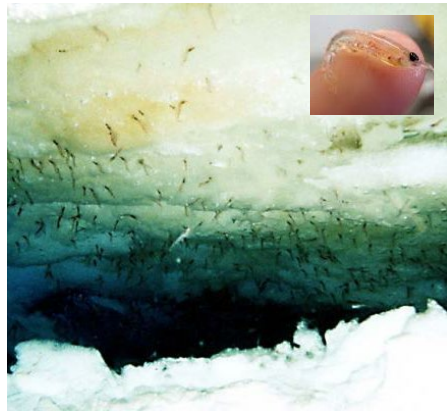


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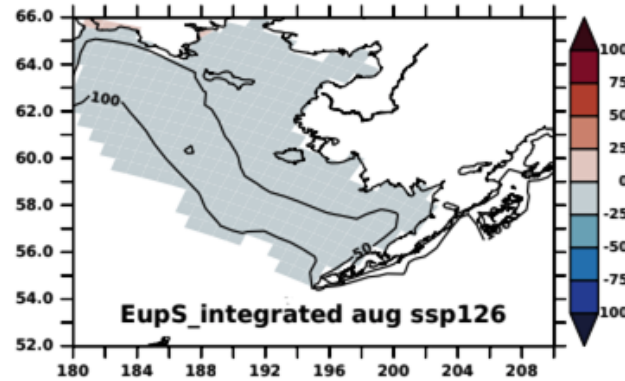


*Hermann et al.* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2021.104974>

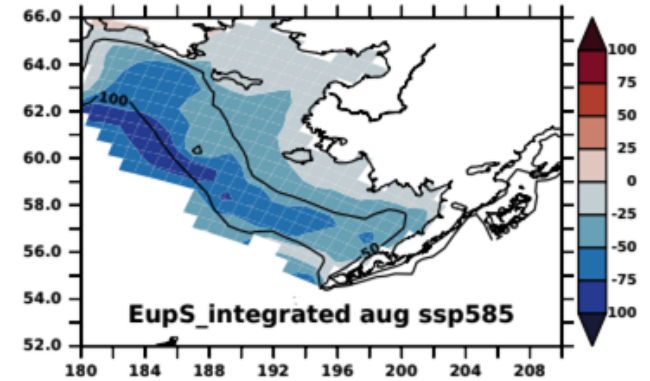
# Declines in Euphausiids (krill) expected



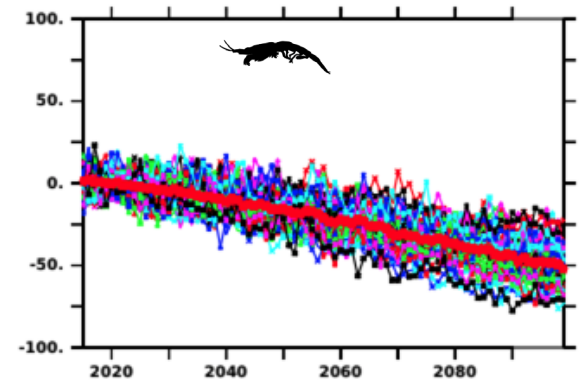
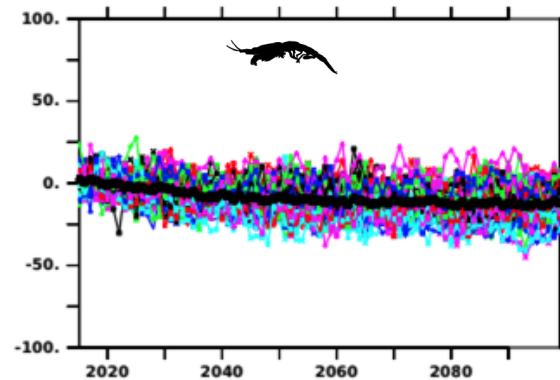
## Euphausiid biomass



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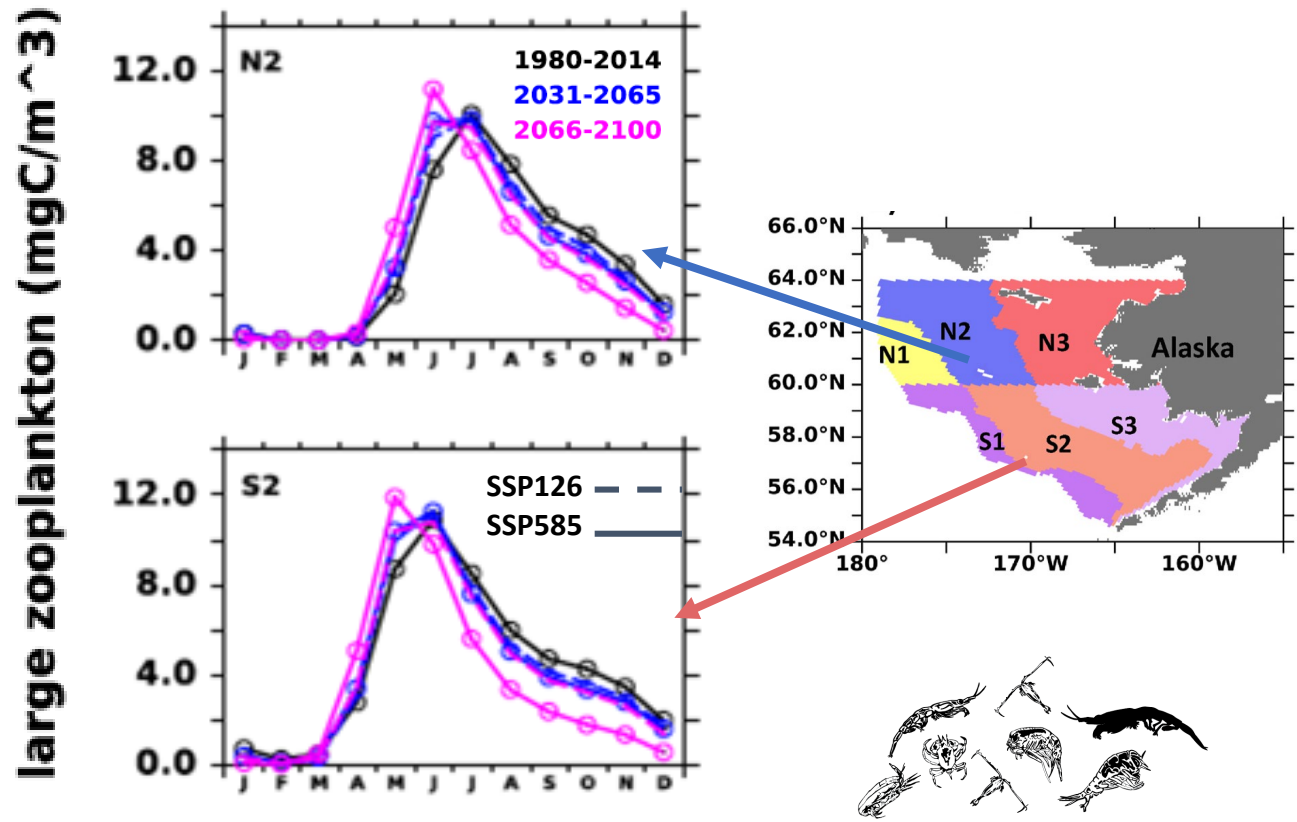


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# Change in the timing (phenology) of prey resources



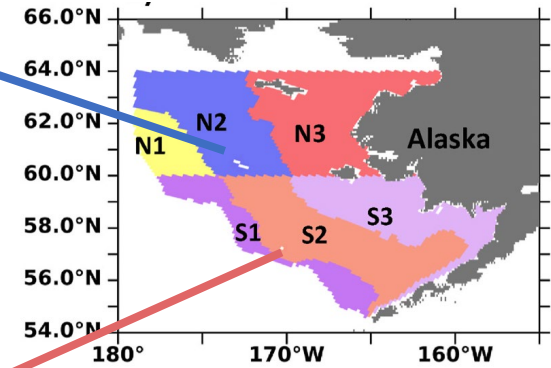
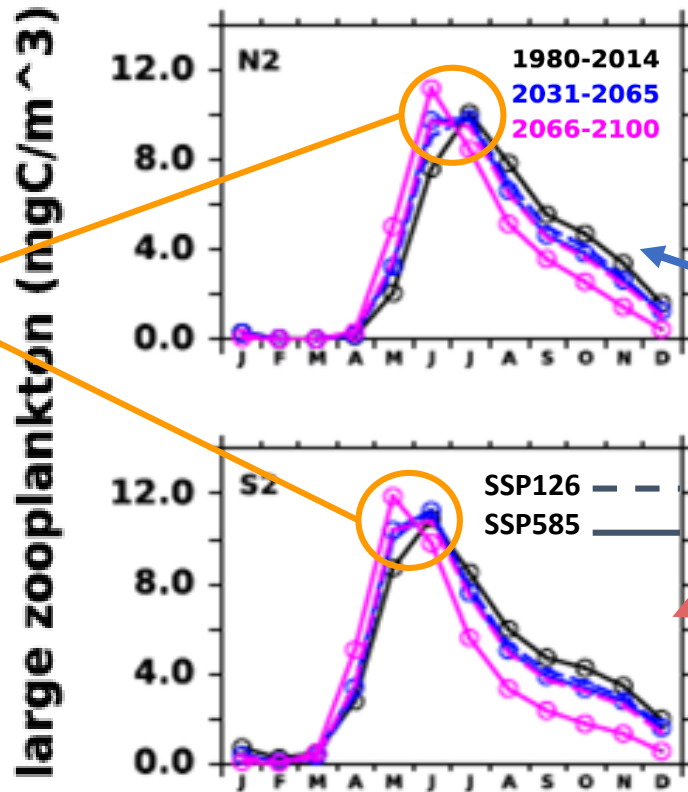
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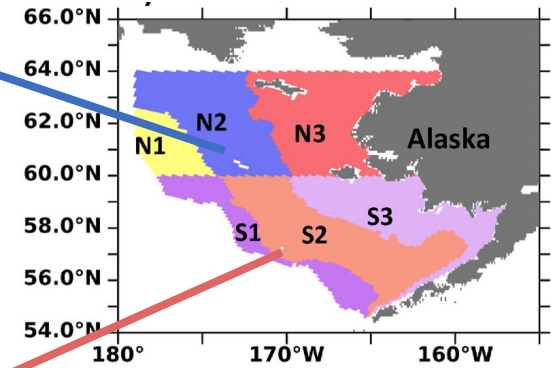
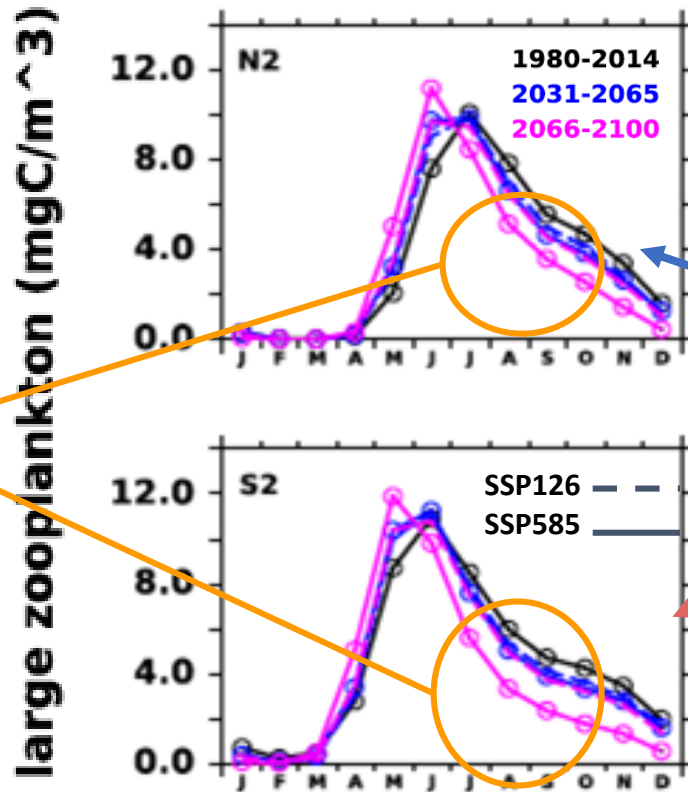
Shift earlier in zooplankton peak under low mitigation (high warming) scenarios



Cheng, et al. (2021) <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0967064521000515>

# Change in the timing (phenology) of prey resources

Declines projected during critical bottlenecks for fish overwinter survival




Cheng, et al. (2021) <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0967064521000515>

# Learn More: BERING10K Data & Info portals

## Learn More:

<https://beringnpz.github.io/roms-bering-sea/B10K-dataset-docs/>

roms-bering-sea Posts About Literature



### The Bering10K dataset

3 minute read

Numerous Bering 10K ROMS model simulations have been run to date, including hindcasts of the past few decades, long-term forecasts under CMIP5 and CMIP6 emissions scenarios, and seasonal retrospective forecasts. Data and metadata related to these simulations are held in a number of locations. This page serves as a centralized hub for this data and metadata.

### The Bering10K ROMS configuration

The Bering10K ROMS configuration, including associated biological modules (research conducted through the University of Washington, CICOES)

### The model

Model source code is available on GitHub: [beringnpz/roms-bering-sea](https://beringnpz/roms-bering-sea)

### The documentation

A few guides for working with the Bering10K output dataset can be found


- [The Bering10K Dataset documentation](#): A pdf describing the dataset, including:

## Explore the Data:

<https://github.com/kholsman/ACLIM2>

### Getting Started with Bering10K Level 2 & 3 indices

K. Holsman and K. Aydin (Tutorial), A. Hermann, K. Kearney, W. Cheng, I. Ortiz (Bering10K)



The ACLIM Repository [github.com/kholsman/ACLIM2](https://github.com/kholsman/ACLIM2) is maintained by [Kirstin Holsman](#), Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries, Seattle WA. Multiple programs and projects have supported the production and sharing of the suite of Bering10K hindcasts and projections. Last updated: Mar 10, 2021

#### 1. Overview

This repository contains R code and Rdata files for working with netcdf-format data generated from the [downscaled ROMSNPZ modeling](#) of the ROMSNPZ Bering Sea Ocean Modeling team; Drs. Hermann, Cheng, Kearney, Pilcher, Ortiz, and Aydin. The code and R resources described in this tutorial are publicly available through the [ACLIM2 github repository](#) maintained by [Kirstin Holsman](#) as part of NOAA's [ACLIM project](#) for the Bering Sea. See [Hollowed et al. 2020](#) for more information about the ACLIM project.

#### 1.1. Resources

We strongly recommend reviewing the following documentation before using the data in order to understand the origin of the indices and their present level of skill and validation, which varies considerably across indices and in space and time:

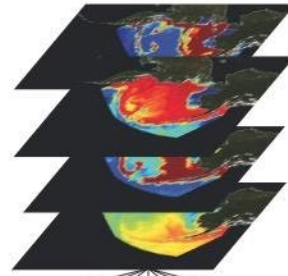
- [The Bering10K Dataset documentation \(pdf\)](#): A pdf describing the dataset, including full model descriptions, inputs for specific results, and a tutorial for working directly with the ROMS native grid (Level 1 outputs).
- [Bering10K Simulator Variables \(xlsx\)](#): A spreadsheet listing all simulations and the archived output variables associated with each, updated periodically as new simulations are run or new variables are made available.
- A [collection](#) of Bering10K ROMSNPZ model documentation (including the above files) is maintained by [Kelly Kearney](#) and will be regularly updated with new documentation and publications.



# Climate + Biological + Management Modeling



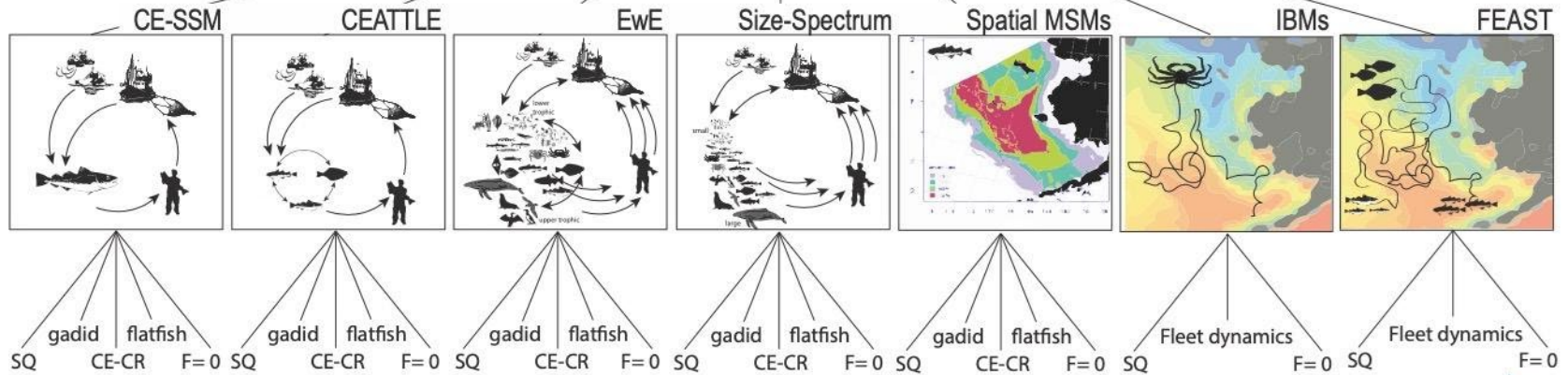
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## Downscaled hindcast/projections:

- CORE-CFSR Hindcast (1960-2017)
- ECHO-G (AR4 A1B)
- MIROC3.2 med res. (AR4 A1B)
- CGCM3-t47 (AR4 A1B)
- CCSM4-NCAR- PO (AR5 RCP 4.5 & 8.5)
- CCSM4-NCAR- PON (AR5 RCP 8.5)
- MIROCESM-C- PO (AR5 RCP 4.5 & 8.5)
- GFDL-ESM2M\*- PO (AR5 RCP 4.5 & 8.5)
- GFDL-ESM2M\*- PON (AR5 RCP 8.5)

## Bering Sea Models



explicit drivers of population variability (climate & food-web); high computational demand

implicit drivers of population variability (random error); low computational demand & multiple iterations

# CEATTLE: Unfished biomass (no harvest)

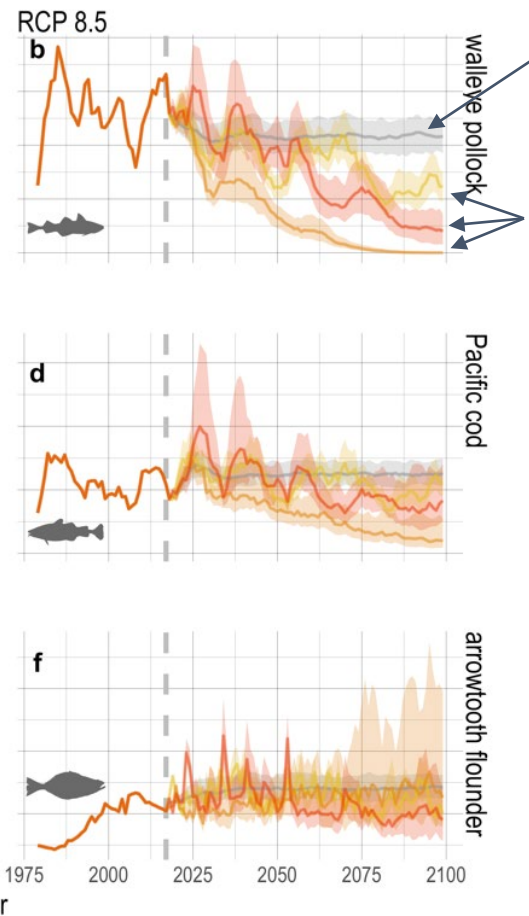
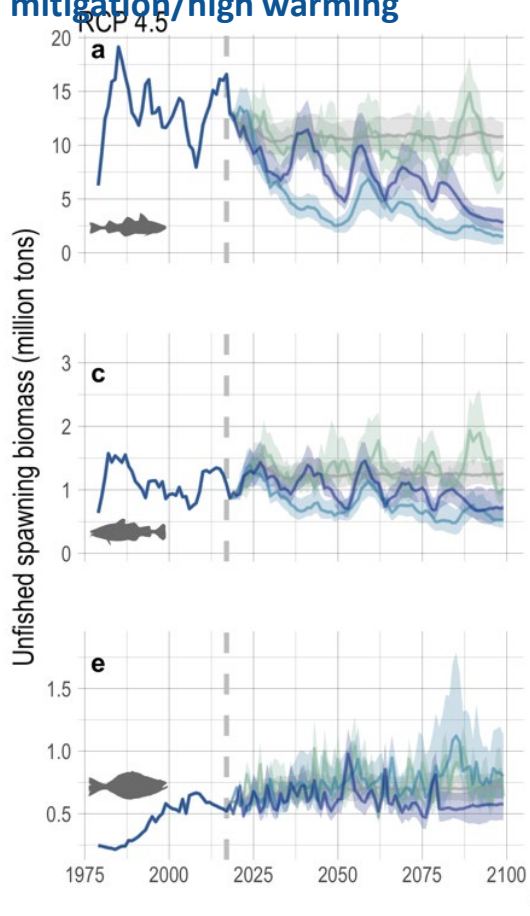
Assumes climate effects on recruitment, growth, & mortality

More warming =

- larger declines
- higher agreement of declines

moderate mitigation/warming  
mitigation/high warming

low

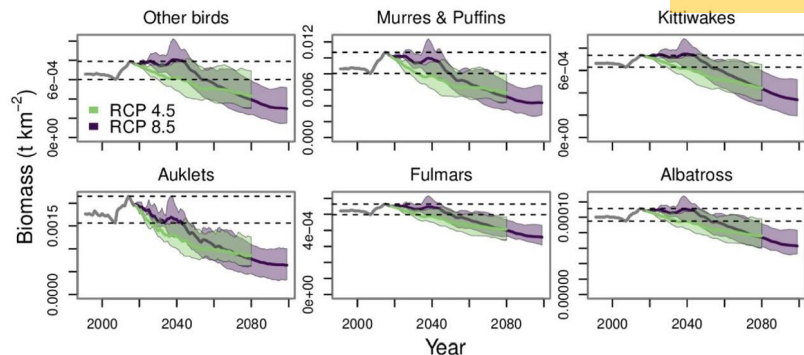


No climate change  
With climate change

Holsman, K.K., Haynie, A.C., Hollowed, A.B. et al. Ecosystem-based fisheries management forestalls climate-driven collapse. *Nat Commun* 11, 4579 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-18300-3>

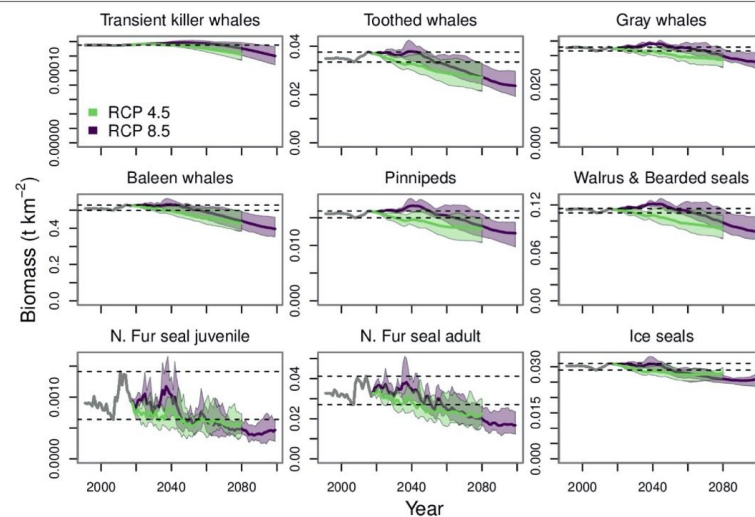


## General declines in seabirds



**FIGURE 8** | Biomass projections for seabird functional groups. The gray line from 1991 to 2017 indicates the historical period. The purple and green poly indicate the minimum and maximum range for the three earth system models run under each RCP. The purple and green lines indicate the mean of the three runs for each RCP. The dashed lines indicate the minimum and maximum values from the historical period.



## General declines in marine mammals



**FIGURE 7** | Biomass projections for marine mammal functional groups. The gray line from 1991 to 2017 indicates the historical period. The purple and green polygons indicate the minimum and maximum range for the three earth system models run under each RCP. The purple and green lines indicate the mean of the three runs for each RCP. The dashed lines indicate the minimum and maximum values from the historical period.



## Climate change and the future productivity and distribution of crab in the Bering Sea

Cody Szuwalski  <sup>1\*</sup>, Wei Cheng<sup>2,3</sup>, Robert Foy<sup>4</sup>, Albert J. Hermann<sup>2,3</sup>, Anne Hollowed  <sup>1</sup>,  
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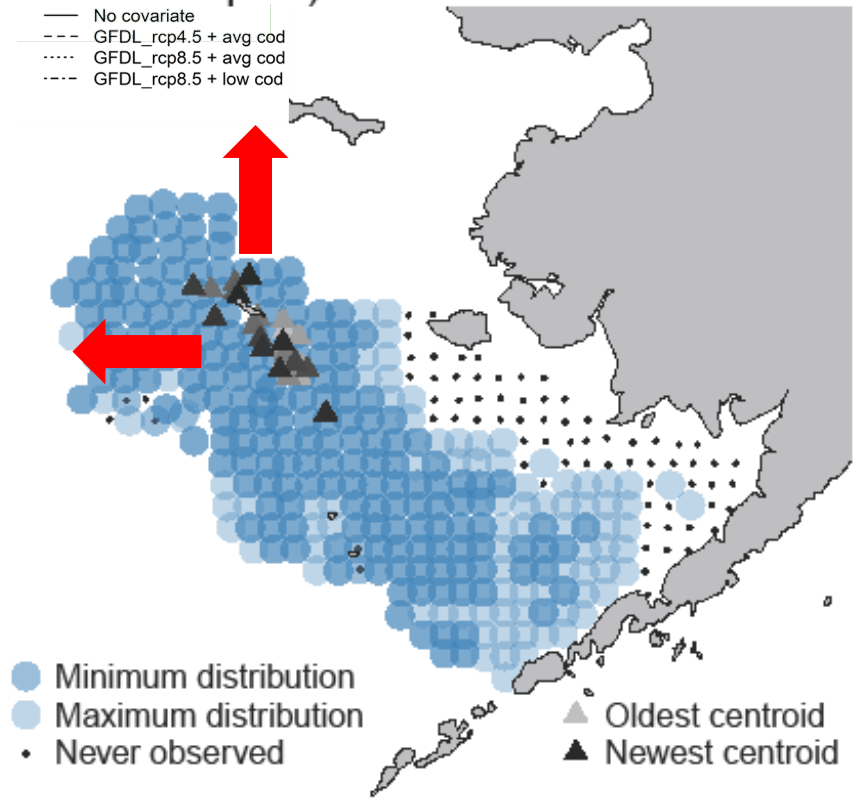
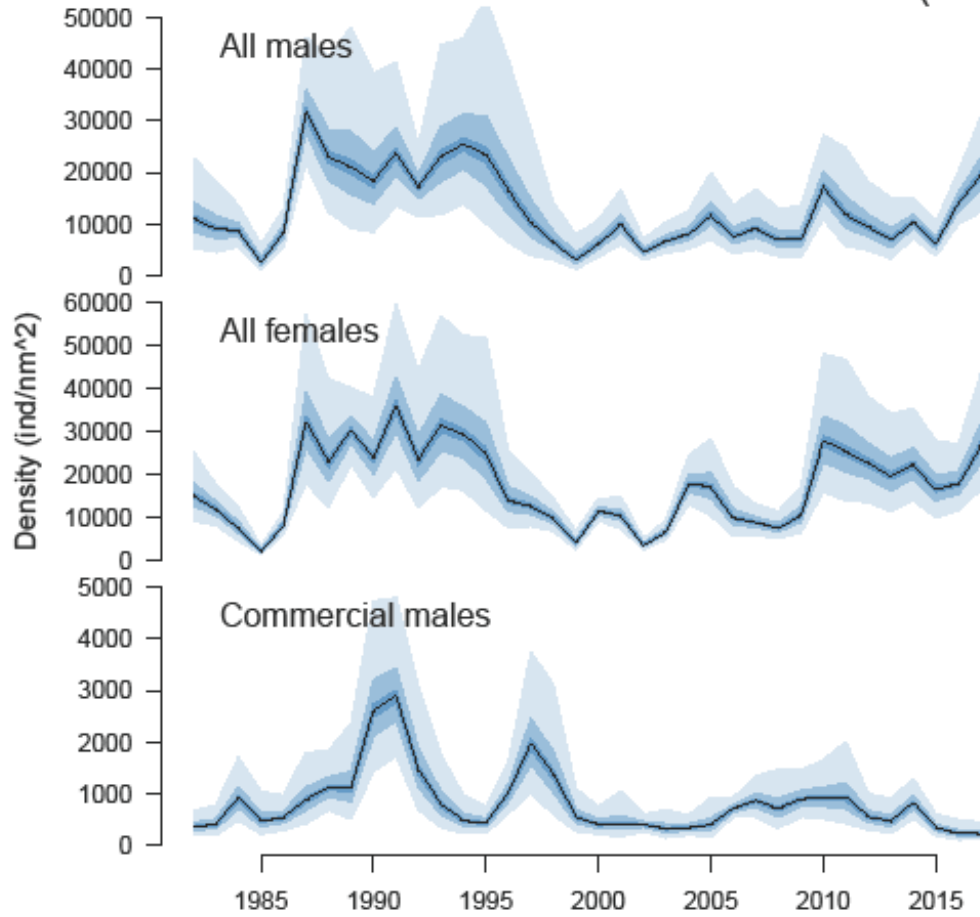
How have the distribution and productivity changed for the major crab stocks in the Bering Sea?

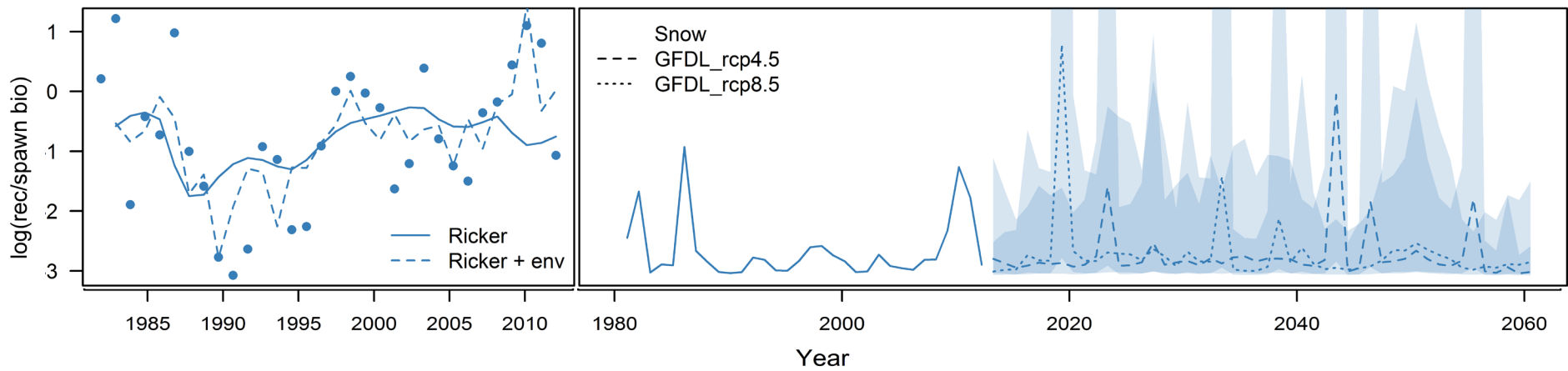
Can we explain any of these changes with environmental indices?

Can we project what might be expected of these stocks in the future given observed relationships?



# Snow crab (*Chionoecetes opilio*)

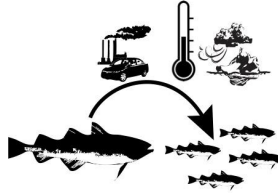




Less productive in the long term in the current area due to decreased ice cover and changes in arctic oscillation

# ACLIM 1.0 Scenarios - groundfish

Climate-effects  
on food-webs



Sloping HCR



Multispecies effects  
of 2 MT Cap



**No fishing**  
**No-cap**  
**Status quo**

**X**

**X**

**X**

**X**

**X**

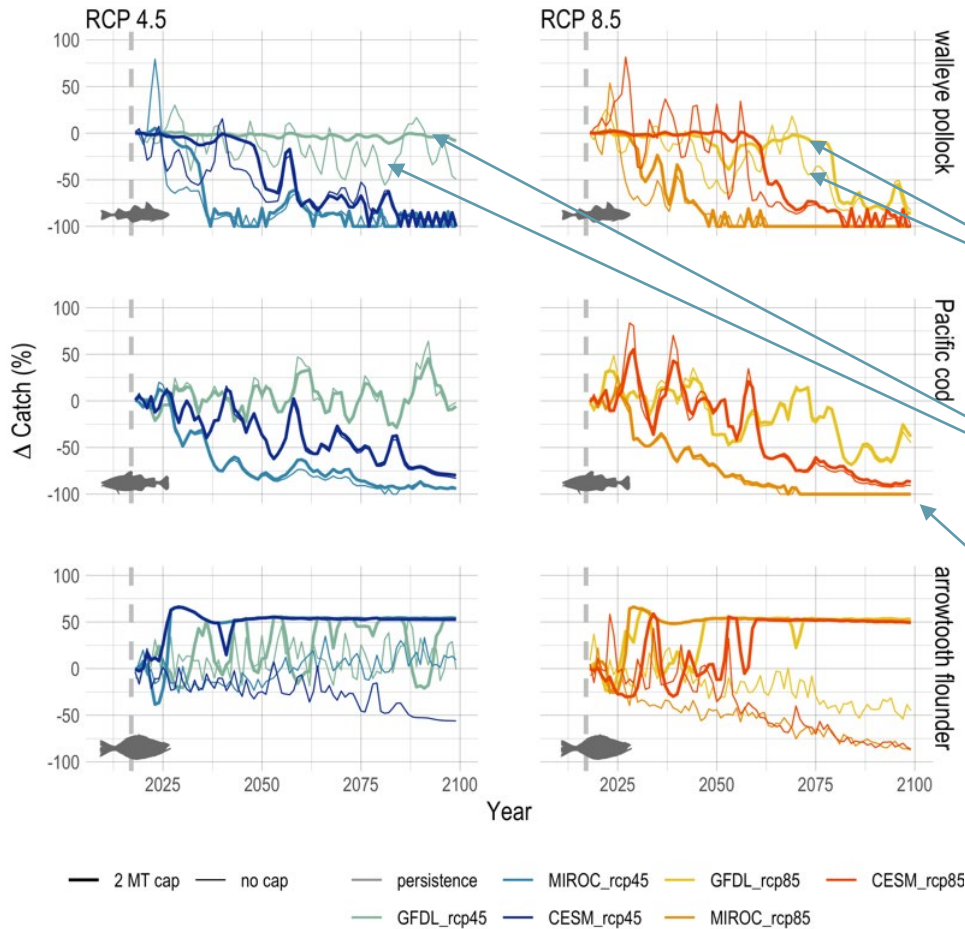
**X**



ATTACH Model (Faig & Haynie 2020): <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3966545>

# CEATTLE: EBFM vs non-EBFM cap

Assumes climate effects on recruitment, growth, & mortality



EBFM = lower risk of declines & collapse

although risk increases over time & with warming

EBFM cap forestalled declines

EBFM cap stabilized catches

EBFM cap had little effect on P. cod

Holsman, K.K., Haynie, A.C., Hollowed, A.B. et al. Ecosystem-based fisheries management forestalls climate-driven collapse. *Nat Commun* 11, 4579 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-18300-3>



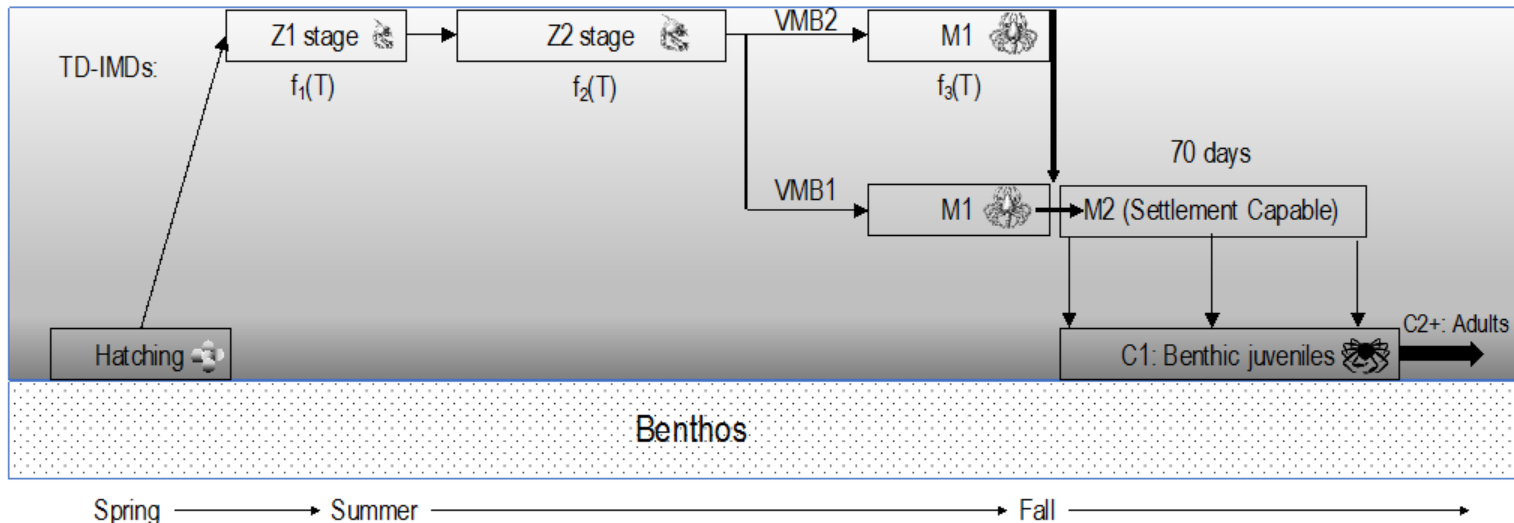
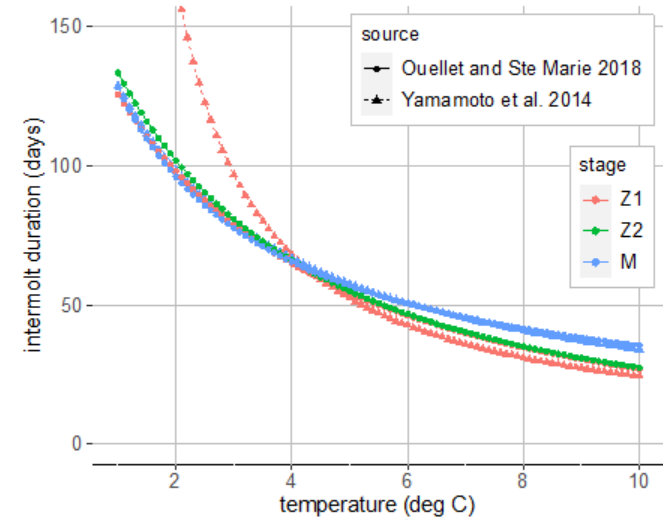
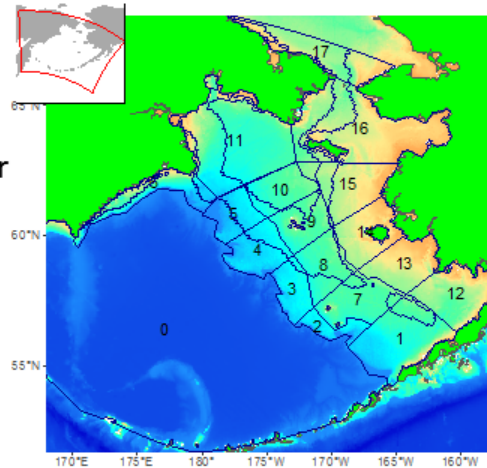
# ACLIM1.0 – model limitations

- **Biological population-level (ABC) models were mostly SE Bering Sea only (standard BT survey grid) and non-spatial**
- **Benthic production (infaunal, epifaunal communities) low on data and dynamics are relatively poorly understood**
- **ACLIM 2.0 goals in next 6-12 months include model improvements in all of the above**
- **Some processes (e.g. predation) are emergent from models (e.g. through functional responses) however many processes (e.g. crab migration to deeper waters) need to be calibrated from past observations/analysis, spatial statistical models, etc. – *we will get out what we put in***



# Crab Individual-based model – Stockhausen et al.

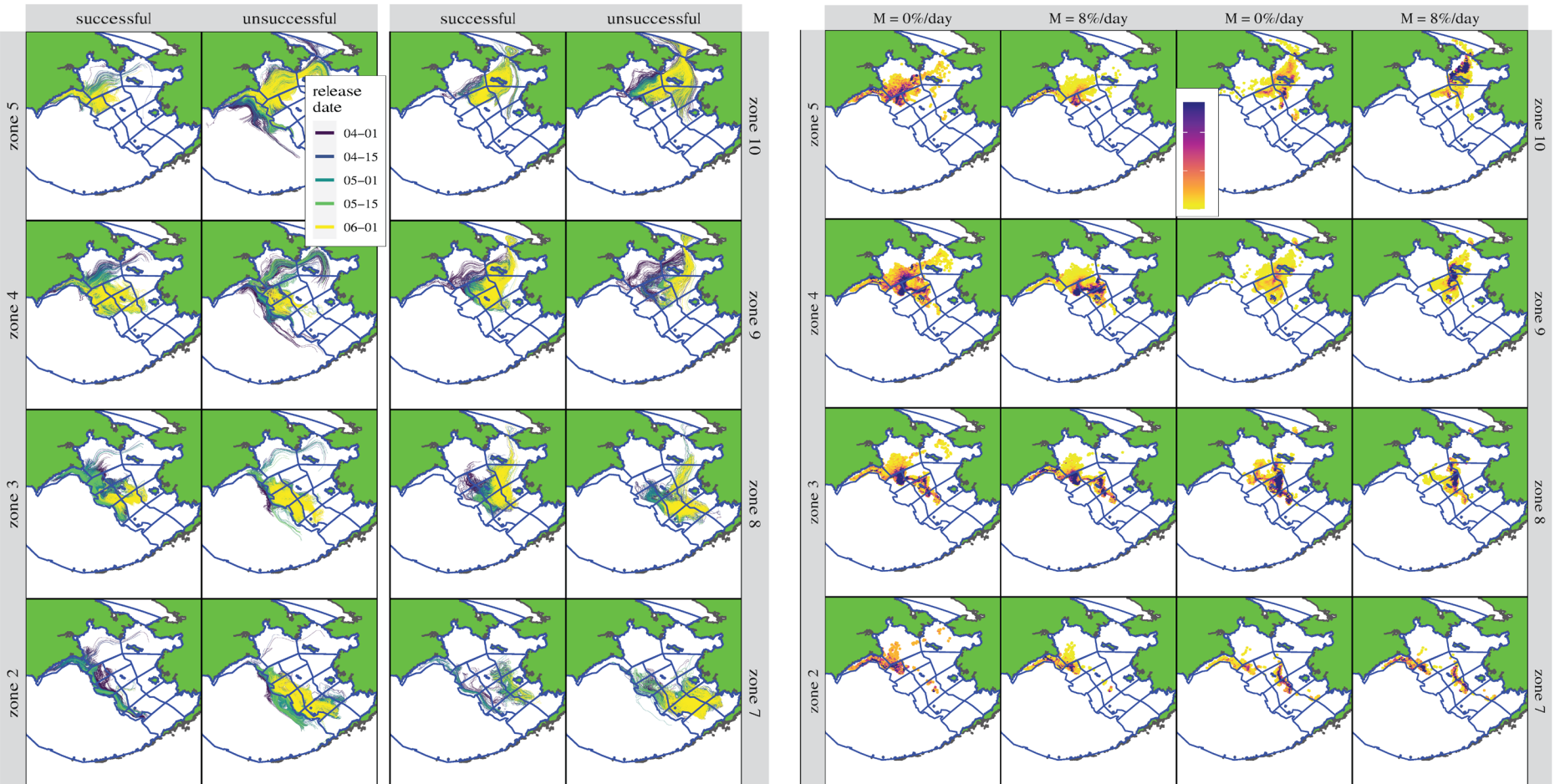
- Temperature-dependent development rates
- Vertical migration behavior
- Larval mortality rates
- Settlement habitat characteristics
- Spatiotemporal hatch patterns



# Crab Individual-based model – Stockhausen et al.

## Dispersal Pathways

## Settlement Patterns



# Crab Individual-based model – Stockhausen et al.

- **Extend existing IBM (pelagic life stages) to early benthic instars**
- **Run model using regionally downscaled EBS ROMS model output based on CMIP6 projections**
- **Couple results to spatial assessment model as spatiotemporal early life connectivity patterns**







# ACLIM 2.0 Next Directions

EBS social-ecological system climate risk analysis

Expanded management scenarios

Co-production of knowledge, community workshops, and social network modeling

## **Spatial distribution models & NEBS**

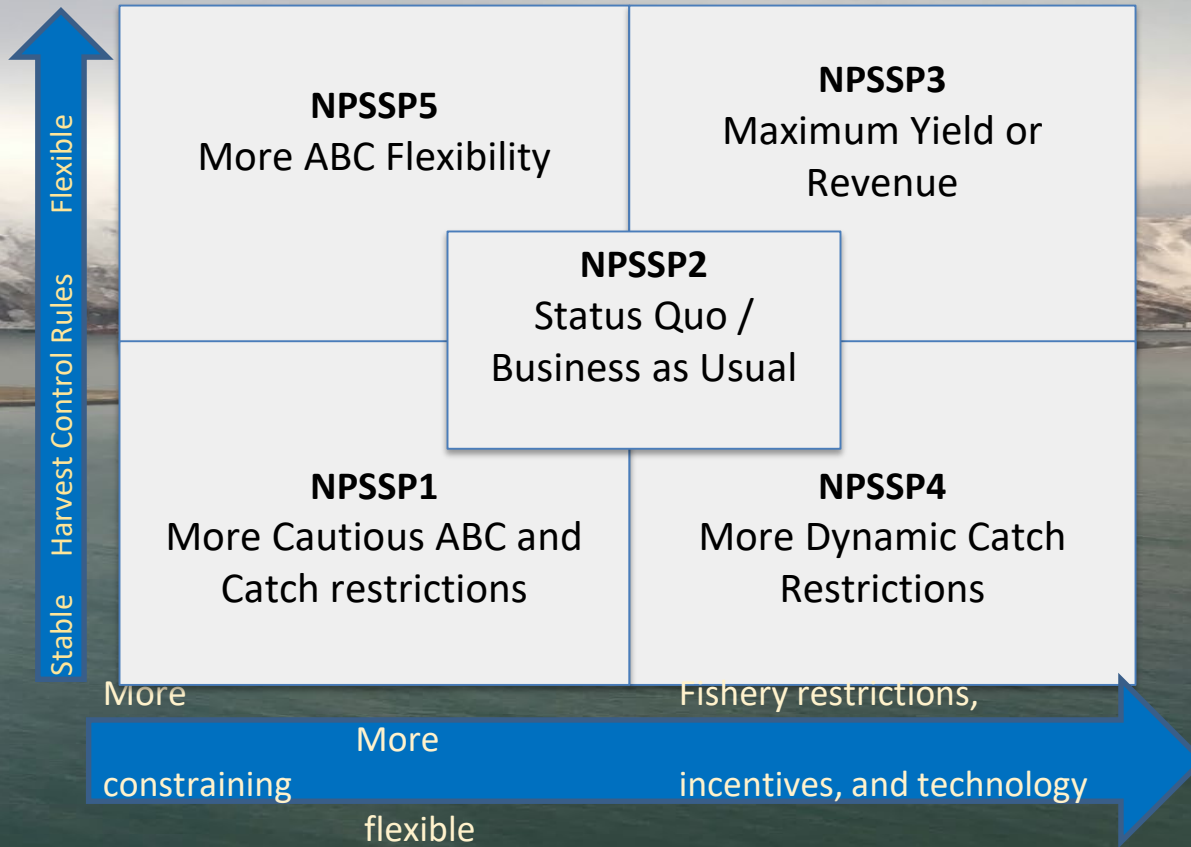
Expanded protected species analyses (marine mammals!)

Expanded **Ocean Acidification (OA)** and dissolved oxygen modeling

Expanded lower trophic and young of year modeling

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# ACLIM 2.0: General North Pacific Socio-Economic Pathways (NPSSPs)



## Other dimensions

- Monitoring impacts
- Ecosystem models
- Emissions scenarios / models
- Diverse regulations

Note: there are additional complexities, too!

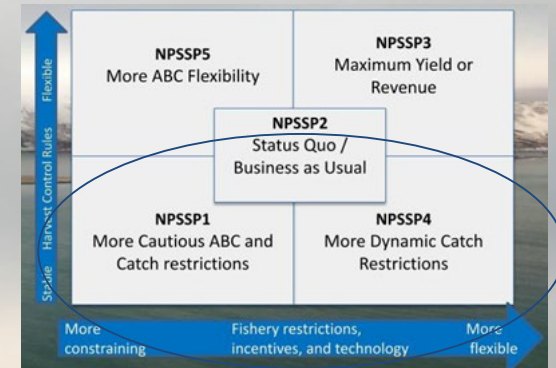
**Different models use simulations that assess the impacts - ecological, economic, and allocational - of harvest control rules that impact ABC and regulations and economic drivers that impact catch of different species.**

# Caveats on Socioeconomic Scenarios

- Scenarios demonstrate trade-offs - there may be different trade-offs and priorities in the future.
- Some trade-offs may be shown beyond MSA rules - for example, understanding the impacts of loosening single-species annual catch limits in multi-species fisheries.
- Policy trade-offs examined - **these are not recommendations.**

## Examples:

### More cautious / stable ABC Measures



### Strategy and Rationale of these measures:

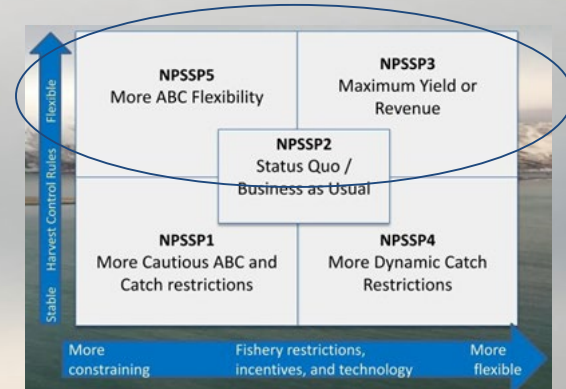
Examine the impacts of scenarios that include more stable ABC policies to adjust ABC / Harvest Control Rules (HCR) with climate.

### Example ABC / Harvest Control Rule (HCR) Features:

- Set harvest targets as a function of climate conditions (e.g., F50 % when temperature is high)
- Test regime-specific HCR slopes (warm-period HCR, vs. cold-period HCR).
- Include effects of climate on base functions in assessment (e.g., growth, recruitment, or mortality as a function of temperature or zooplankton)
- Account for species re-distribution in assessments (e.g., use climate-informed spatial distribution tools to adjust catch-ability).

## Examples:

### More flexible ABC Measures



### Strategy and Rationale of these measures:

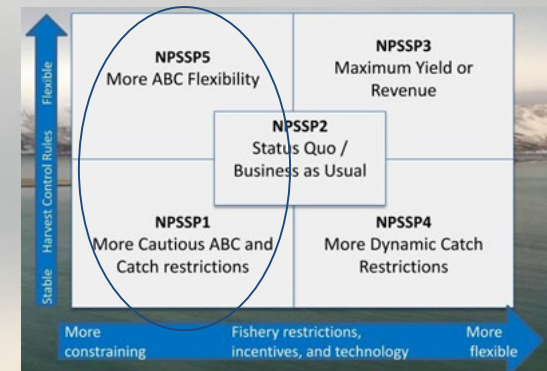
Examine the impacts of scenarios that include more flexible ABC policies to adjust ABC / Harvest Control Rules (HCR) with climate and stock changes.

### Example ABC / Harvest Control Rule (HCR) Features:

- Allow multi-year ABCs.
- Evaluate minimum and maximum thresholds (e.g., B20 rule).
- Climate- or regime-specific B0 & B40.
- Utilize ecosystem and climate forecasts to increase overall sustainable catch and/or revenue.
- Explore measures that would increase stability of community access to resources.

## Examples:

More restrictive cap, catch restrictions, incentives, and technology



## Strategy and Rationale of these measures:

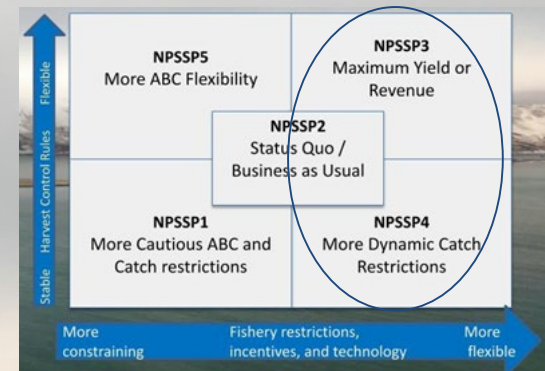
- Examine the impacts of scenarios that include measures that lower the cap or reduce the catch of different species.

## Example Fishery Features:

- Impact of 1.6 MMT or climate-linked Ecosystem Cap / Optimum yield.
- Additional Spatial management related to protected species.
- Additional bycatch challenges that (further) limit harvest of some species.
- Increases in fishing costs or lack of growth in fish prices, leading to reduced incentives or ability to harvest as much of some species.

## Examples:

More flexible cap, catch restrictions, incentives, and technology

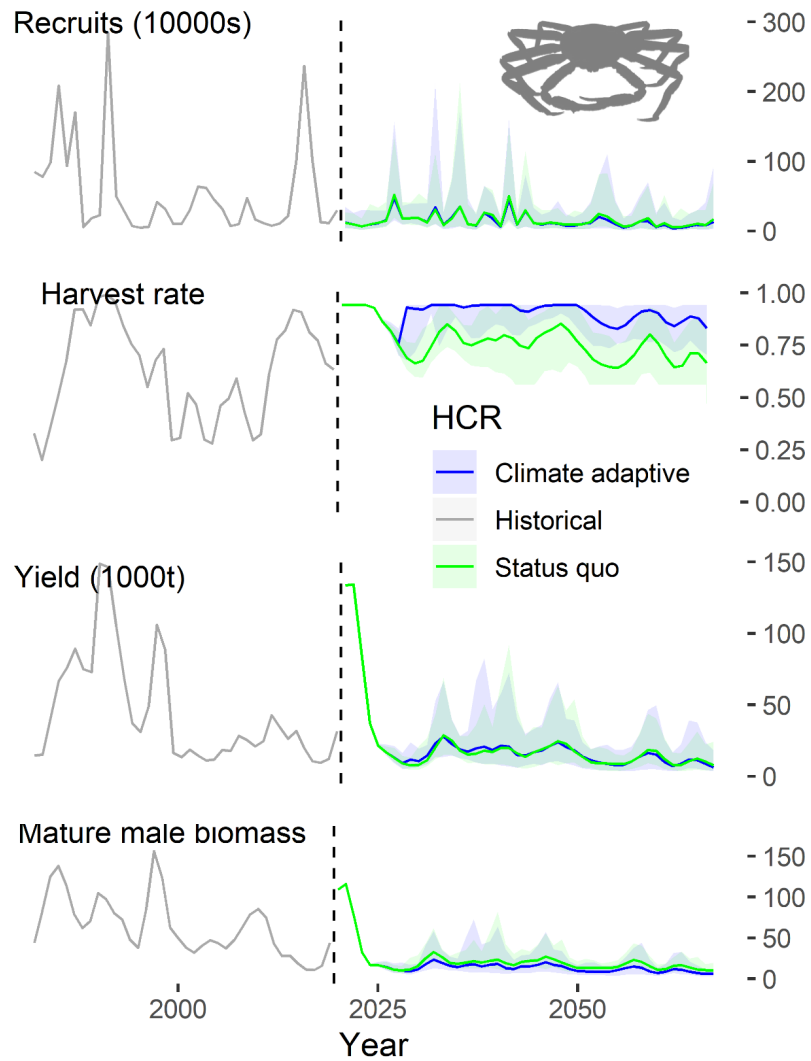
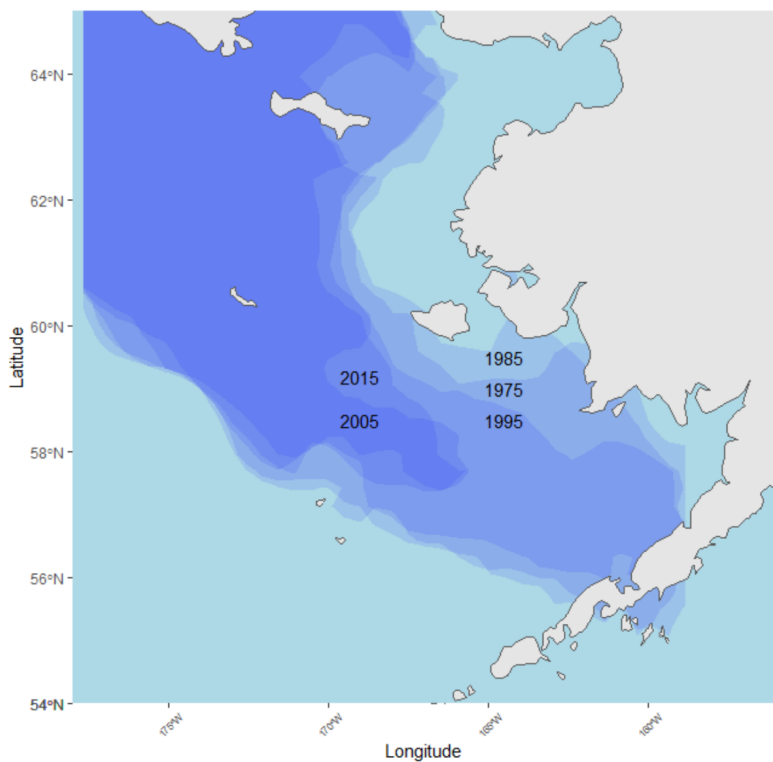
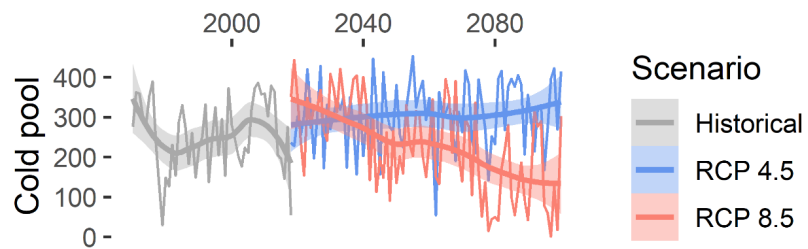


## Strategy and Rationale of these measures:

- Examine the impacts and trade-offs of scenarios that include factors that lead to more flexible catch restrictions and/or greater catch.

## Example Fishery Features:

- Impact of 2.4 MMT (or other) Ecosystem Cap / Optimum Yield.
- Reduced spatial management measures when PSC quotas in place.
- Additional fishing flexibility in the Northern Bering Sea.
- Greater quota or bycatch flexibility (e.g., expanded Flatfish flexibility).
- Higher prices or improved fishing technology leading to greater catch.





# “Productivity paradox”

Climate adaptive harvest control rules can result in higher exploitation rates than the status quo control rule - long-noted in multispecies management contexts

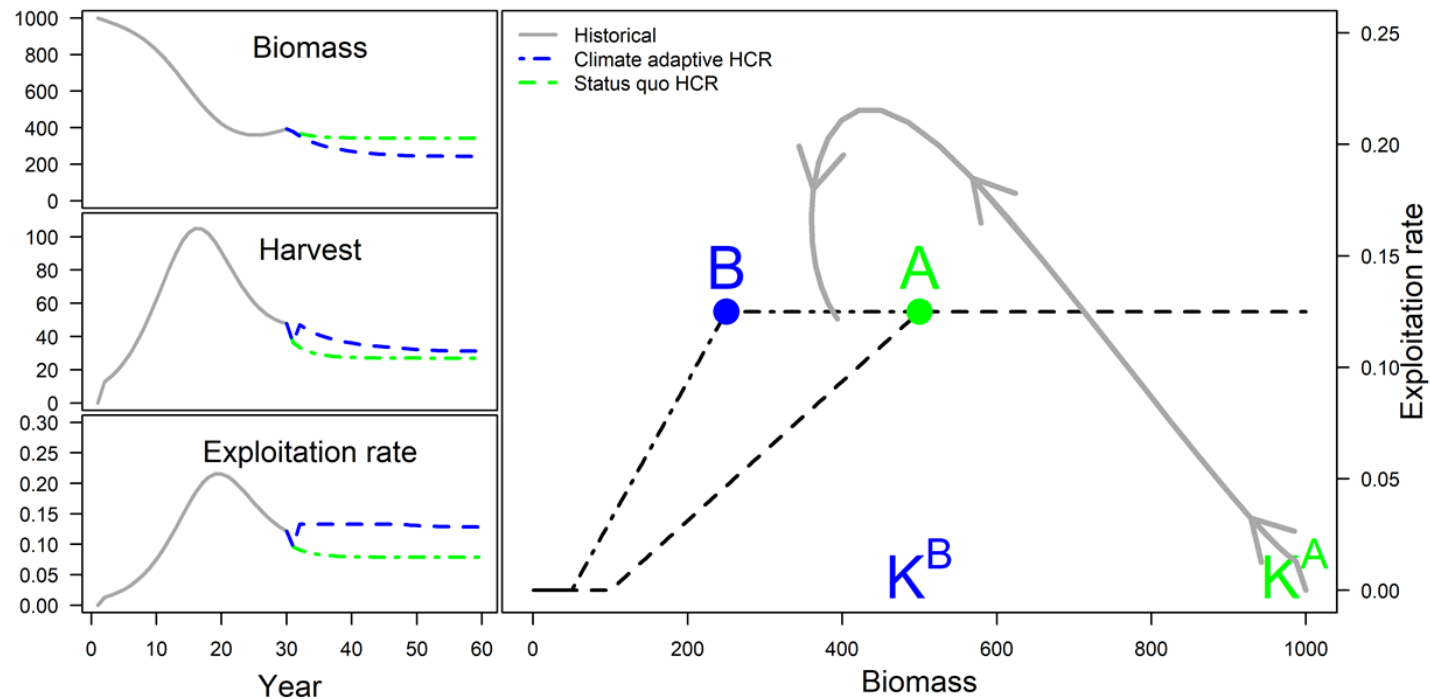
Can arise when reference points adapt to a change in:

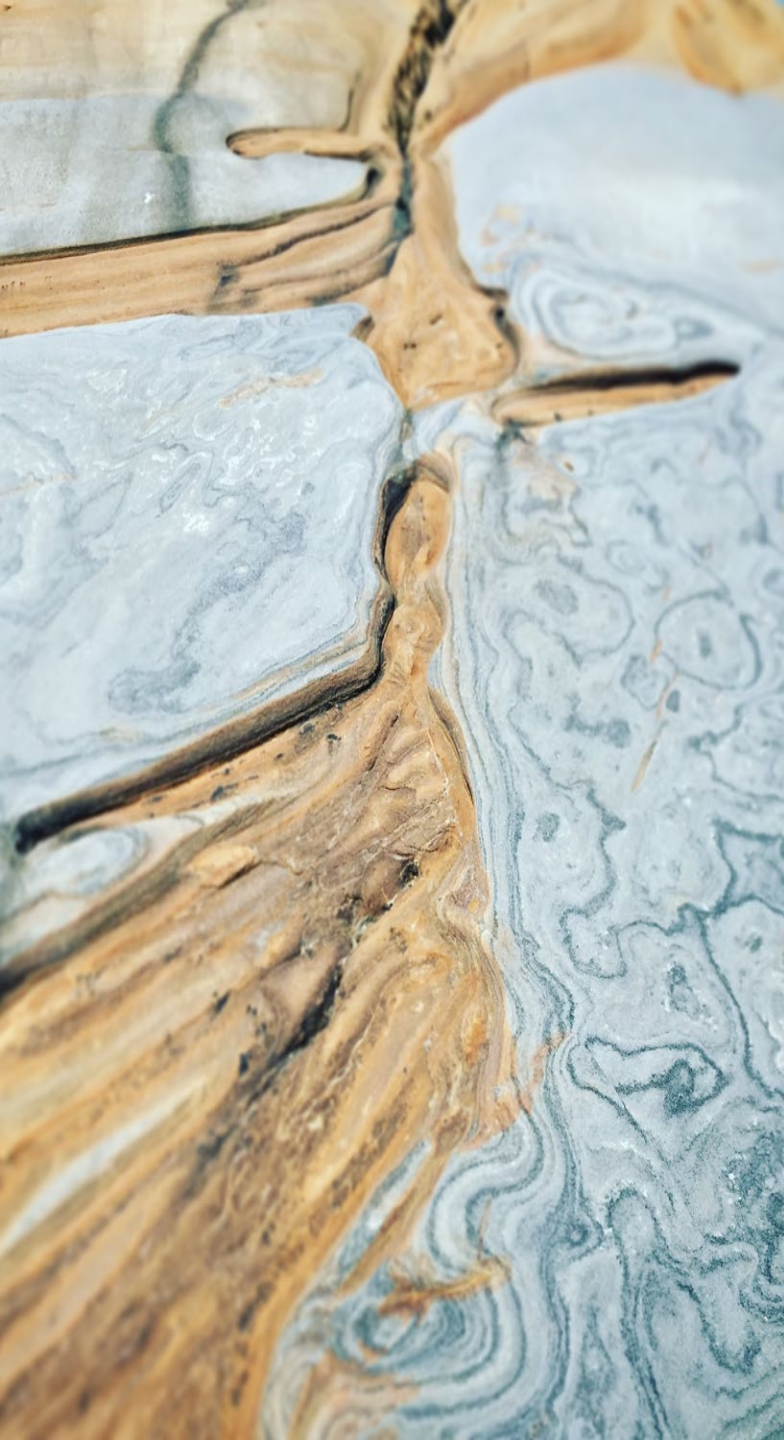
Recruitment (when using a sloped harvest control rule; Szuwalski and Punt, 2013)

Growth (Szuwalski et al., in prep)

Natural mortality (Legault et al. 2016)

Maturity





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